**OIUSA MEDICAL MISSION:**

SUMMARY

OIUSA Medical Mission – Provides Periodic and Routine Annual Community Medical Outreach and array of Medical & Surgical healthcare services to various communities in River State, Nigeria South-South geographical region. These services are targeted to the indigenes and people in the Rural Communities especially older Men & Women and Children in the most significant number of under-served population without access to proper healthcare and Nutritional Services. FREE minor corrective Laparoscopic surgeries such as Hernioplasty, Herniorrhaphy, OBGyn Fibroid Removal, Ophthalmologic Glaucoma and Dental Repairs are performed at no cost to the patients by consultants and volunteer medical experts/professionals.

CHALLENGE

The people in Rivers State South-South Geographical Region of Nigeria lack basic Medical Infrastructures, and quality healthcare services. Most Villages & Communities are several miles away from a close city Medical Facility and the most near by Medical Facilities lack adequate Medical Equipment, Qualified doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and other healthcare workers, coupled with high cost for providing these minimal and poor healthcare services. The ultimate result is Lack of early detection of diseases or preventative medicine and treatment of medical conditions. Lack of Prenatal care resulting in Low birth weight babies, High Pregnancy mortality and High Infant & Newborn mortality rates. Increase in sudden death from treatable and easily manageable health conditions such as Diabetics, Hypertension, glaucoma and debilitative Arthritis.

SOLUTION

OIUSA MM will improve the lives of these under-served Rural Communities by providing qualified doctors, nurses, pharmacists, healthcare social workers and other healthcare related team members by visiting selected Rural Communities or Local Government Areas on routine annual basis to provide FREE Medical, Dental and Surgical services. Train and appoint/delegate qualified healthcare workers as liaisons, conduct educational healthcare awareness and perform routine Medical Check-ups to enable greater access to healthcare. MM is also embarking on Skills Acquisition in Medical Services and Training of Youths in our new planned ***OIUSA Skills Acquisition Center Building Project***. This Center buildings will serve as Educational Center for Skills Acquisitional in training of Medical, Dental and Nursing Assistants, Pharmacy and Med Laboratory Technicians in Rivers State, and these graduates will employ learned skills in conducting educational awareness and services to help the Rural communities with improving Maternal & Child health, proper Hygiene and Sanitations, as well as Nutritional Health and Exercise.

LONG-TERM IMPACT

Over 4,000 people from the various Rural Communities in Iwhuruonhna (Ikwerre) Land in Rivers State, Nigeria, have benefited from OIUSA previous Medical & Surgical Missions. During the last **9** days Medical Mission carried out in 2017, Total of **4,000** patients were seen, diagnosed and treated including **75** Eye Surgeries, **108** General Surgeries and over **110** Sonograms were performed Free of Charge, which have improved peoples lives and prolonged their health.

Other benefits include Free teaching and donations of Diabetic Kits, Blood Pressure machines/monitors, Free eye exams and Medicated/Prescription eyeglasses. These free Medical, Surgical and Dental Services enable many of these people to obtain rare treatments, Pharmaceutical drug therapy, Counseling and Nutritional Education without having to choose between paying for necessary good healthcare versus paying inevitably for food and rents /housing.

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